

# Detective Agency

## CONDUCTS DETECTIVE BUREAU

### DETECTIVE SHEPARD N. EDMONDS

Shepard N. Edmonds Said To Be The  
Cleverest Colored Detective In Ex-  
istence—Was Prominent in Getting  
Children for Frank J. Gould

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Some months ago when the papers were devoting considerable space daily to the rumor that Ralph H. Thomas and Mrs. Frank J. Gould had married, the latter was heard to remark excitedly on one occasion: "I can't shake that mysterious black man."

Mrs. Thomas, as it later came to light that the couple had become man and wife, was referring to Shepard N. Edmonds, colored, who was one of the many detectives on the trail of the couple, as Frank J. Gould was anxious about getting the custody of his children who were in the possession of the mother. It was Detective Edmonds who played a prominent part in restoring the children to the father.

It is claimed by many leading white detectives that Shepard N. Edmonds is the shrewdest colored detective in the country. He is a native of Columbus, Franklin County, O., where he was reared and educated in the various educational institutions. He had a personal acquaintanceship with such men of prominence as William McKinley, Senator Foraker, Senator Dick and D. K. Watson. Years ago he studied law with the Hon. E. L. Taylor, the present Congressman from the Twelfth Congressional District. At one time he was director of one of the largest and most prominent colored Republican Glee Clubs in the country, and is also well known in musical circles as a composer.

As a detective Mr. Edmonds began his work with the famous William J.

Burns, also of Columbus, Franklin County, O., who recently captured the noted Los Angeles dynamiters, and has worked for and with Detective Burns from the Atlantic to the Pacific, breaking up one of the cleverest and most daring gangs of blackmailers ever organized, for which Burns admits that Detective Edmonds is undoubtedly the cleverest negro detective in the country. He has been called in on many important and difficult cases.

Mr. Edmonds has worked with such great detectives as William P. Sheridan "the man with the camera eye," formerly of the New York Police Department, and William J. Fynn, ex-Police Commissioner of New York and now of the United States Secret Service Bureau. He is a state detective, licensed and bonded by the State of New York, and has the first and only authorized and equipped Negro detective bureau in existence, operating under the name of Edmonds National Detective Bureau, with offices at 65 West 132d street, New York City, and has associated with him many of the most efficient and reliable Negro detectives. He says he can always use others who have a little common sense and a lot of nerve.

